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Garden Clippings

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President's Message

With a grateful heart, I am so proud to be a small part of this group. Our Master Gardeners have concluded a very successful gardening season this year. You have only to look at all our projects to see how we have helped our local communities in so many ways. Our volunteers have contributed produce to food pantries and Meals on Wheels, we educated youth about nutrition and gardening. We provided horticulture and gardening information to the community through our Diagnostic office and Farmer's Market booth. Our native gardening projects have been wildly (pun intended, folks!) successful, both in terms of beautifying our communities and exemplifying responsible gardening techniques for everyone. Hats off to all of you for your hard work and dedication to our success!

We have new board members and positions for 2018. We welcome 7 new members to the board: Barb Brum, Linda Gustke, Steve Herro, Trisha Linsen, Crystal Malakar, Eileen Rueden, and Jill Sobieck. Thanks for saying "yes"! Al Nass has accepted the position of Vice President, and Julie Cole is our new Secretary. Thank you both for stepping forward and accepting these positions. We appreciate Barb Brown's acceptance of another term on the board. Thank you to Sue Roulette, Debbie Rodriguez, and Doug Hartman for their service as board members. Doug, you have been a tremendous help to me this past year.

A volunteer recently "discovered" our website and found it very helpful. Take a look for yourself. We have pictures of our projects, forms, news articles, and more. The address is www.NEWMasterGardeners.org. Debbie, thank you for keeping it updated for us!

Last, but not least, a huge thank you to Becky Brundidge, who has been putting together this newsletter and maintaining our Facebook page for the last several years. We appreciate your help. Trisha Linsen has graciously offered to take on both of these projects for us.

Wishing you all many blessings as we usher out another year. Take time to enjoy the beauty of all that is around you.

Plant more gardens!

Birdie Schantz, President



2017 NEWMG Board of Directors

Officers

Birdie Schantz, President
Debbie Rodriguez, Vice President
Karla Parmentier, Treasurer
Doug Hartman, Secretary

Board Members

Carri Benzow
Julie Cole
Barbara Brown
Becky Brundidge
Robert Dreher
Nancy Fictum

Tim Freeman
Kyle Gigot
Jo Ann Holloway
Becka Mertens
Al Nass
Lee Richardson

Sue Roulette
Mary Sprangers
Bill Stevens
Doris Magyar,
WIMGA Rep
Vijai Pandian,
Advisor

NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes: 11/8/2017

Present: Doug Hartman, Birdie Schantz, Julie Cole, Lee Richardson, Rob Dreher, Nancy Fictum, Carri Benzow, Bill Stevens, Al Nass, Barbara Brown, Tim Freeman, Mary Sprangers, Sue Roulette, Debbie Rodriguez
Others Present: Jim Radey, Vijai Pandian, Crystal Malakar, Eileen Rueden

Absent: Karla Parmentier, Kyle Gigot, JoAnn Holloway

President's Welcome - Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM by Birdie Schantz.

Secretary's Report – The minutes from the September, 2017 meeting had been sent electronically for review by board members. No additions or corrections were noted.

A motion was made by Tim Freeman and seconded by Julie Cole to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Karla Parmentier was not present but members had the November budget report:

There was a question regarding the expense balance column. Some seem to be expense only balances and not net balances. Karla will be asked about this before the next meeting.

A motion was made by Tim Freeman and seconded by Al Nass to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Advisor's Report – Vijai Pandian reported the following:

The UW-Extension will merge with UW-Madison. This will take place in July, 2018. Overall, the public should not see any significant changes with the merger.

The County continues to move towards a new building on the UW-GB campus where the Extension will be housed in the future (potentially the Fall of 2019). The County has hired an architect to design the building. There has been no discussion as to the landscaping of the building and how that pertains to the NEWMGV, but Vijai is still fighting for an attached greenhouse.

Volunteer Coordinator Report – Jim Radey presented the following report:

Worked with Becky Brundidge to produce October NEWMG newsletter

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NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes continued...

Reminded MG volunteers who signed up for final booth at Broadway Farmers Market and provided assistance at the booth

Assisted committee that worked on the proposed MG volunteer project policy

Kept presenters of fall horticulture classes informed of enrollment for classes scheduled at the Botanical Garden and Ashwaubenon Community Center

Set up beekeeping class at the Botanical Garden for the winter horticulture class series. Also set up process for working with Botanical Garden Education Coordinator for setting up future classes.

Worked with Val Campbell to get more project pictures for a slide show for the banquet.

Worked with Event Coordinator at Botanical Garden to determine set up for the annual banquet and use of the Botanical Garden for MG Board meetings. Also connect banquet committee with Event Coordinator to work out final banquet set up details.

Continuing to set up spring horticulture classes for the Botanical Garden and Ashwaubenon Community Center.

Completed and submitted the annual MG Projects Accomplishment Report for the state MG Office. Copy of the narrative section of the report is on the NEWMG website.

WIMGA Report – Doris Magyar submitted the following written report:

WIMGA is encouraging all MG groups to please consider checking out what is available from WIMGA in the way of earning extra money for your project through the various grants you can apply for. Give it a try. Check out <http://www.wimga.org/> and select grants

Endowment Report – Kyle Gigot was not present so no report was given.

Project Committee Reports – Birdie reported that there is a need for a new plant sale coordinator. Becky Brundidge will not be doing it again this year. There was general discussion on the need for the plant sale and its subsequent revenues if we already have a substantial amount in checking. Points brought forward were that it does serve to connect MGV's with each other and with the public. And if future projects require bigger expenditures, then we will have a viable revenue source. An e-mail will be sent out to all MGV's to see if someone would take on the role of Plant Sale Project Coordinator.

Old Business:

Approval of MGV Volunteer Project Policy: Discussion ensued on the draft document put forward by Al Nass, Barbara Brown, Jim Radey and Vijai Pandian. The document looked good overall with two items changed under the section "Volunteer projects can be discontinued if:". One change struck the word "needs" in item number 1 of this section to be replaced by "mission and goals". On item 4 of this section the first three words "Under financial restraints" were struck from the document.

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NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes continued...

A motion was made by Tim Freeman to approve the policy as amended. Seconded by Julie Cole and approved unanimously.

New Business:

Approval of Neville Public Museum Native Plant Pollinator Garden Project: Claudia Schultz submitted a new project application for the pollinator garden with an expense budget of \$500. As Vijai explained, this project will entail an overhaul of two beds outside the front entrance of the museum that only have a couple of plant varieties and are not that pollinator friendly. This project will tie into the Museum's pollinator exhibit next year and will provide some excellent tie-ins with educational opportunities. The existing native plant projects have plenty of members who would be able to do this work. The Museum is also willing to match the \$500.00 that the NEWMGV organization would budget for this project.

A motion was made by Lee Richardson to approve this project with a budget of \$500. Al Nass seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Approval of 2018 NEWMGV Annual Budget: Discussion ensued about the budget including:

\$1,000 submitted for expenses by the Locktender's House Project It was noted that there were matching commitments for this \$1,000 and that it was a high-profile project.

Will the UW- Extension raised garden beds still continue even though the land has been sold? Vijai reported that the School expressed interest in having MGV's use this project as an educational tool for their students. It seems as if there may still be viable reasons to continue this project.

Is \$100 enough for the Brown County Children's Library Project. It was noted that there will be a new leader for this project since Jon Hermanson no longer will be the leader. The new leader may need to get a better handle on all that is need and may need a budget adjustment in the future. It was discussed that whatever the MGV's commit monetarily should be matched by the Library in funding or in-kind donations

A motion was made by Doug Hartman to approve the annual budget. The motion was seconded by Rob Dreher and approved unanimously.

Report of the Executive Committee Meeting on October 30, 2017: Doug Hartman reported that the Executive Committee approved an additional 6 hours for the Volunteer Coordinator Position in 2017. These hours are need for Jim Radey to finish up a few more items this year and he is already at 194 of the 200 approved hours for 2017. Six additional hours should allow him to complete outstanding items.

Appointment of Endowment Committee Chair: Birdie will contact Kyle Gigot to see if he would be interested in continuing in that role for another term.

Election of Officers for 2018:

Birdie Schantz would return as President for another year as well as Karla Parmentier, the current Treasurer. Julie Cole stated that she would take on the Secretary role and Al Nass agreed to be the Vice-President.

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NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes continued...

A motion was made by Doug Hartman and seconded by Debbie Rodriguez to approve this slate of officers. Motion approved unanimously.

Doug Hartman, Debbie Rodriguez and Sue Roulette were thanked for their Board service since they will not be returning to the Board in 2018.

Discussion of 2017 Holiday Get-Together: Discussion took place regarding the possibility of having a Holiday social for the organization. It was decided that while this may be a worthy adventure, it is too late this year to do proper planning and will be looked at in the future.

Other Business:

YMCA Revenues: Jim Radey (reporting for JoAnn Holloway) noted that in 2014, revenues from a "Farmer's Market" held at the Howard YMCA were deposited into the Master Gardener checking account. These revenues (\$97.00) were always supposed to be the YMCA revenues, but were never reimbursed to the YMCA.

A motion was made by Al Nass to return this money to the YMCA. The motion was seconded by Debbie Rodriguez and approved unanimously.

2018 Garden Series: Barbara Brown reported that the Garden Series had been finalized with programs on February 3, March 3, and April 7. She had brochures to hand out and encouraged MGV's to spread the word. Barbara and Sue Roulette were thanked for their efforts in coordinating the garden series.

MGV Level II Training: Vijai reported that he has some ideas for the 2018 MGV Level II training. He hopes to conduct a joint plant diagnostic training session with adjoining counties in a one-day workshop. He was also thinking about conducting off-site tours of area landscape companies such as Tillmann Wholesale, ENCAP and area orchards/truck farms, etc. that would likely be held on Saturdays. If you know of any area businesses that may be a good site tour, let Vijai know.

Newsletter – any additional articles for the newsletter should be sent to Becky Brundidge by November 30, 2017

Next Board Meeting – January 10, 2018. Location TBD

A motion was made at 7:20 PM by Tim Freeman and seconded by Al Nass to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, January 10, at 6 PM at the Green Bay Botanical Garden

NEWMG Budget Documents

Nov 2017 Budget							
	2017 BUDGET			2017 Actual			
Project/Gardens	Lead	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Balance	
UWEX	Kay Vanlannen		250		409	-159	
UWEX Perennial Garden	R Dreher/Lee R.				79		
UWEX Arboritum	Doug Hartman						
UWEX Fruit Trees							
GBBG	Shirley Maenner		225		280	-65	
Unity Hospice	Claudia Schultz		400		239	161	
YMCA	JoAnn Holloway		250				
St. Phillip	Sue Roulette		200		200	0	
St. Marks	Mary Sprangers		600		437	163	
Hosta	Kyle Gigot	x	x				
Rose garden	Anita Mueller		270		47	223	
BC Library Childrens	John Hermanson		150		106	44	
Locktenders House	Claudia Schultz		400				
HH Tank Garden	Karla Parmentier	0	50		37	13	
Neville Museum Lot	Claudia Schultz	0	400		400	0	
Fund Raisers							
Plant Sale	Becky Brundidge	2500	717	4920	558	159	
Cottonwood	Mark Sprague	100	200	55			
Row Cover	Doug Hartman	100	100				
Education							
Composting	Shirley Triest Rob.	100					
Garden Series	Vijai Pandian	800	800				
Bee Keeping		0	0	30	30	0	
Seed Start	Lynn Clark	0	0				
Pruning	Dan Mitchel	0	0				
Garden Field Day	Vijai Pandian	625	500				
Project Kickoff	Debbie Rodriguez		500		366	134	
BF on Farm	Doug Hartman		100				
WIMGA Grant/Locktend		400			335	65	
WIMGA Donation			75				
Grounds	Dave Bonham		800				
SFG plant labels	Dan Mitchel		200				
Social/Speaker summer	Dan Mitchel	1000	500				
Dues	Karla Parmentier	900	450		560	340	
Green House	Bill Stevens		650		223	427	
Urban Forestry Grant	Doug Hartman	5195	7000		3195	3832	
Newsletter	Becky Brundidge	0	0				
Banquet	Eileen Rueden		400		175	225	
Website	Debbie Rodriguez		65				
Meeting	Dan Mitchel		100				
Treasurer	Karla Parmentier						
BC copies/fee chg 2016			2500		950	1550	
Stationary/stamps			20				
Salaries (2016)	Kyle Gigot		9433		9433	0	
grounds supervisor		\$16x200					
?UWEX perennial garden		\$16x100					
grounds intern		\$10x450					
Volunteer Coordinator	Yr 2017 \$16x200						
Misc					18	-105	
Totals							
Green Bay Pecker Grant Return		2000			2000	0	

Checking Balance	21,413.60					
Endowment fund balance	212,872.30					
Bold \$= activity since last budget						

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NEWMG Budget Documents continued...

2018 Budget		2018 BUDGET		Past 2017 budget
MGA Budget by Project				
Project/Gardens	Lead	Income	Expense	
UWEX Raised Bed Garde	?		200	250
UWEX Perennial Garden	R Dreher/Lee R.		100	part of 800 grounds
GBBG	Shirley Maenner		300	225
YMCA	JoAnn Holloway		150	250
Healthy Kids Day	Jo Ann Holloway		100	
St. Phillip	Sue Roulette		200	200
St. Marks	Mary Sprangers		600	600
Rose garden	Anita Mueller		100	270
BC Library Childrens	John Hermanson		100	150
Locktenders House	Claudia Schultz		1000	400
HH Tank Garden	Karis Parmentier		250	50
Neville Museum	Claudia Schultz		500	
Fund Raisers				
Plant Sale	?		1000	1000
Row Cover	Doug Hartman		150	100
Education				
Diagnosics	Doug Hartman		100	
Composting	Shirley Triest Rob.		0	0
Garden Series	Barbara Brown		1500	800
Bee Keeping	Jim Radey		0	0
Seed Start	Lynn Clark		0	0
Pruning	Dan Mitchel		0	0
GBBG Membership	Karis Parmentier		75	75
WIMGA Donation	Karis Parmentier		75	75
MG Dues				
Project Kickoff	Debbie Rodriquez	1000	500	450
Banquet	Eileen Rueden		400	400
Newsletter	Jim Radey		0	0
Website	Debbie Rodriquez		65	65
BC copies/fee chg 2016	Karis Parmentier		1500	2500
Stationary/stamps	Karis Parmentier		200	20
Expense Total			9963	9380
2018 Salary/Endowment				
Volunteer Coordinator	Kyle Gigot			
	\$16 + FICA x 250 hr		4500	3600
UWEX Grounds assistant				UWX assis 2500
Checking Balance		21,413.00		
Endowment fund balance				
<i>Bold \$= activity since last budget</i>				
10/30/17 KP				

2018 Robert Mongin Garden Series

Submitted by Jim Radey

The Northeast Wisconsin Master Gardener "Garden Series" will return in 2018. On February 3, Nancy Nedveck from The Flower Factory in Stoughton, WI will do a presentation on "Interesting and Newer Perennials for Your Garden." She will be followed by Nate Bremer from Solaris Farms in Reedsville, WI who will share information on "New Herbaceous Hybrid Peonies." On March 3, Neil Diboll from Prairie Nursey will talk about "Prairie Plants for Urban and Suburban Gardens." Then on April 7, Eben Erhard from Natural Beauty Growers in Denmark, WI will provide information on "From Seed Starting & Plant Selection to Season Extending Crops." The presentations will be held at the Neville Public Museum. More information and registration directions are available on the Northeast Wisconsin Master Gardener Association website . **There is an early bird registration discount that ends December 22!**



NEWMG Website

Submitted by Jim Radey

Are you aware that our local Master Gardener organization has a website? You can find the Northeast Wisconsin Master Gardeners website at <http://www.newmastergardeners.org>. We can thank Debbie Rodriguez for maintaining this website. If you are not familiar with this website, you probably want to check it out to find recent news about our projects, educational opportunities, forms (like timesheets, reimbursement requests, etc.), and links to other Master Gardener related sites.

Those of you who attended our annual banquet this past October 17 were able to see a slide show of pictures from our 2017 projects in the community. This was put together by our fellow Master Gardener, Val Campbell. You can view this slideshow on our website by selecting the Educational Opportunities tab on top of the home page and then clicking on The 2017 MG Projects Slideshow. Thanks again Val for your time and talents used for this slideshow showing our organization's involvement in the community.

If you have news or pictures about our Master Gardener projects or volunteers, please send them to Debbie Rodriguez at cybermex@flash.net.



Policy for Master Gardener Projects

Submitted by Jim Radey

At the November 8, 2017 NEWMG Board meeting approved a policy for determining what projects can be sanctioned by NEWMG and the process for getting new projects approved. Following is the policy:

Northeast Wisconsin Master Gardener Association Volunteer Project Policy

Projects are how Master Gardener Volunteers engage with the public and communities in a structured and evaluative way. These projects must be approved by the Horticulture Educator to ensure that they meet an identified need in the community, align with UW-Extension educational priorities, connect with past or on-going research, and adhere to UW-Extension non-discrimination and liability policies.

Examples of appropriate volunteer projects include:

1. Volunteer hours dedicated to youth education (e.g. 4-H projects & activities, county fair, youth clubs & organizations, school classroom presentations)
2. Volunteer hours dedicated to adult/community education (e.g. recycling; water quality & environment displays or presentations; Farmer's Markets; Gardenline; trips or tours for the public; group presentations; writing articles for newspapers, newsletters, or websites)
3. Volunteer hours dedicated to support services of community projects (e.g. community beautification projects, water quality & environmental projects, gardening demonstration or education projects)

Process for approval of a new Master Gardener project:

1. The project applicant must contact the Horticulture Educator about the intention of the new project. If deemed appropriate, the applicant must submit a NEWMGA New Project Application to the Horticulture Educator.
2. After approval by the Horticulture Educator, projects that require Master Gardener funding or Master Gardener on-going volunteer assistance must be approved by the NEWMGA Board. NEWMGA can't fund:
 - Projects that assist or promote commercial businesses
 - Involvement in non-horticulture activities that benefit other associations or organizations
 - Paid positions that implement or maintain any community projects

Volunteer projects can be discontinued if:

1. The project doesn't align with UW-Extension research based educational mission and goals.
2. The project doesn't align with local municipality ordinances for landscaping or gardening maintenance.
3. The project doesn't have enough volunteers to maintain the project or align with the UW-Extension educational guidelines.
4. The NEWMGA Board has the right to prioritize projects to be funded.



Neville Museum Garden Project

Submitted by Claudia Schultz

This year we planted the long neglected parking lot islands at the Neville Museum. The islands were barren of plants with compacted soil and thin, flattened out stomped upon mulch. There was not a stitch of a plant in any of the medians. We made our low budget garden work with some additional personal donations from our Neville MG team. We have some St John's Wort, nepeta Purrsian Blue, gaillardia, smooth aster, butterfly weed, liatris, little bluestem, prairie dropseed, low growing sedum..... the medians were improved to say the least. All plants are known to be salt tolerant because we know the Neville needs to keep that parking ice free in the winter.

Next summer we will tackle the garden in front of the building. It is a beautiful garden from August until October because it is all echinacea and black eyed Susan. We will try to rework the garden to make it interesting all year round, spring, summer and fall. The Neville is hosting a pollinator exhibit next year and we hope to work with them on presenting some education on that subject on site at the garden.



Locktender Native Garden Project

Submitted by Claudia Schultz

This year we finished off planting the final 500square feet of the Locktender House Native Garden. We have a total garden space there of 3000 sq ft which took three years to accomplish. We have finished working on a 24"X36" weatherproof educational sign to install at the site. The proofs are done and we will soon be taking them to United Sign in West De Pere for production. Installation will be next spring.

It was quite a privilege for us to sponsor the roaming board meeting this summer. We broke off into small groups and taught both board members and other MG's interesting facts about certain highlighted natives. This was a trial run for next year when we hope to hold a few open houses there for the public so we can present information about the importance of natives and the pollinators they draw. We are thinking of having a spring, a mid summer, and a fall open house— the fall one would be a seed collecting and cleaning workshop.



We are waiting to hear from the De Pere Parks Department about their idea for us to continue planting on some of the remaining area. They would love for us to stay there and they have put a request for some city funding in their budget meetings. Last summer besides our MG budget we received grant money from the Fox River Navigational System Authority, WIMGA, and a beautification grant from the City of De Pere.

Unity Meditation Garden

Submitted by Claudia Schultz

This year we finished off the three year Unity Project and our hearts are sad....we don't want it to end. The first year we spruced up their existing butterfly garden. The second and third years we created a labyrinth style meditation garden that is serene and soothing and chock full of interesting natives and cultivars. We did not go strictly native on this garden. We have created an example of a garden that would be agreeable to those who want a showy, urban, orderly, neatnik's paradise with a healthy combination of well behaved natives and the latest trendy cultivars. There is not a weed in site and all the flowers are pruned, primed, mulched and treated like royalty.



This fall our grand finale was to plant over 400 alliums to bloom next summer. We found many Monarch larvae on our tropical milkweed and balloon plant milkweed, as well as on the good old common milkweed. We will not have a budget for this garden next year but we plan on mentoring volunteer neighborhood gardeners on a twice monthly basis on the basics of garden maintenance.

Oh by the way...this garden won the Best Institutional Garden Award from the Gardeners Club of Green Bay. Thanks to all our team who worked so hard all summer. What a nice group of people!



Save The Date—2018 Kickoff Event

Submitted by

This year we **Submitted by Jim Radey**

The 2018 NEWMG Projects Kickoff Event is scheduled for Wednesday evening, February 21. It will be held at the Neville Museum and Steve Johnson from Parallel 44 Vineyard & Winery will be our guest speaker. This will be the opportunity to find out more information on the various Master Gardener project available in 2018. More information will be sent out in the near future.



Calendar of Events & Opportunities

For more information, visit www.NEWMasterGardeners.org or the "Urban Horticulture & Natural Resources" page at www.BrownCountyExtension.org

Date	Event / Opportunity
January 10, 2018	NEWMG Board Meeting—6 PM
February 6, 2018	Beginning Beekeeping— 6 to 7:30 pm, Green Bay Botanical Garden
March 22, 2018	Shade Gardening with Hostas—6 to 7:30 pm, Green Bay Botanical Garden
March 27, 2018	Seed Starting 101—6 to 7:30 pm, Green Bay Botanical Garden
April 4, 2018	Vegetable Gardening for Beginners—6 to 7:30 pm, Green Bay Botanical Garden
April 12, 2018	Tree Pruning—6 to 7:30 pm, Green Bay Botanical Garden
April 19, 2018	Shrub Pruning—6 to 7:30 pm, Green Bay Botanical Garden
April 26, 2018	Composting 101—6 to 7:30 pm, Green Bay Botanical Garden
May 1, 2018	Advanced Vegetable Gardening—6 to 7:30 pm, Green Bay Botanical Garden
May 8, 2018	Native Plants to Attract Pollinators—6 to 7:30 pm, Green Bay Botanical Garden

More information on the above events can be found at
www.browncountyextension.org



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